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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, VS, TW

SUBJECT: ROC ASSISTANCE TO SVN

REF: A. SAIGON 4222

B. SAIGON 4087

1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN ASSURED BY ROCAF THAT TEN C-119'S
ARE STILL PREPARED TO ASSIST IN AIRLIFT WHENEVER THEY ARE
CALLED FOR. AS NEAR AS WE CAN TELL FROM HERE, PROBLEM
APPEARS TO BE THAT GVN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT YET FOUND ANY
TASKS FOR THE ROC C-119'S TO PERFORM AND HAVE NOT RPT NOT
CALLED THEM FORWARD.

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2. ROCAF HAD PLANES AND CREWS READIED, BRIEFED, AND ON HIGH ALERT STATUS BEGINNING MARCH 29 FOR ABOUT SIX DAYS. TWO AIR FORCE LIAISON OFFICERS WERE DESPATCHED TO SAIGON SOON THEREAFTER WHERE THEY WERE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH GROC EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE' AND ALSO WERE IN TOUCH WITH GVN JGS OFFICER BY NAME OF COLONEL DUC, A USAID REP NAMED FLINK, AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DOCTOR AN. LATTER INDIVIDUAL TOLD LIAISON OFFICERS THAT HE COULD NOT FORESEE A NEED FOR C-119'S FOR AT LEAST ONE WEEK BECAUSE PAYLOAD OF C-119'S COULD NOT COMPETE WITH LARGER AIRCRAFT ON AIRFIELDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. HE FURTHER SAID THAT GVN WANTED C-119'S TO STAND-BY AND WOULD MAKE CONTACT THROUGH GROC EMBASSY WHEN AND IF C-119'S ARE NEEDED. LIAISON OFFICERS THEREUPON RETURNED TO TAIPEI, AFTER SEVERAL DAYS IN SAIGON.

3. FYI. PRESENT STATUS OF C-119'S AS FOLLOWS:
TWO AIRCRAFT ON TWELVE HOURS ALERT POSTURE; EIGHT AIRCRAFT ON 24-HOUR ALERT. SINCE GROC AND GVN REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW IN TOUCH WITH ONE ANOTHER THROUGH AN ESTABLISHED CHANNEL, WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE NOT RPT NOT TO INSERT OURSELVES ANY FURTHER, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO FINAL SENTENCE OF REFTTEL B, IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO THE SINGLING OUT OF GROC FROM THAT OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS? UNGER

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